



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
September 28th, 2016**

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:00 am in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members of the Board present:

The Board Chair opened the meeting with a Roll Call and the following members were present:

Chris Brooks	Robert Webb
Jeffery Davis	Tyler White
Donald Mosby	Jeanne Yeatman
Tim Strange	Sullivan Smith MD

Eight (8) members were in attendance, a quorum was established.

Board Members Not Present:

Kappu Deshpande
Larry Hutsell
Brian Robinson
James Ross
Stephen Sutton

Also present:

Donna G. Tidwell Director Office of Emergency Medical Services
Hansel Cook Assistant EMS Director
Keith Hodges Legal Counsel
Dr. Joe Holley State Medical Director
Steve Hamby Region 2 EMS Consultant
Nita Jernigan Region 3 EMS Consultant
Brian Tompkins Region 4 EMS Consultant
Dwight Davis Region 5 EMS Consultant
LeeAnne Boeringer Region 6 EMS Consultant
Teddy Myracle Region 7 EMS Consultant
Kevin Cagle Region 8 EMS Consultant
Randall Kirby EMS Consultant at Large
Tory Ferguson Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2

The Board and the audience were reminded the meeting is now live streamed by the Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF THE June 29th 2016 MINUTES

A motion was received from Mr. Strange and seconded by Mr. Davis to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed on voice vote.

RECOGNITION

The Chairman recognized and welcomed the Paramedic Class from Southwest Community College.

The Chairperson recognized Joseph Rike from UT Health Center Mobile Stroke Unit Director. Mr. Rike introduced the Medical Director of the Program Dr. Andrei Alexandrov who gave a brief overview the program and a Power Point ® of the mobile unit. He invited the board and gallery to tour the unit which was in the parking lot. The Chairman advised at the first recess the Board would do so.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

- Mr. Hodges asked the Board to review the Conflict of Interest Policy. There were no questions after the review.
- Next Mr. Hodges went over the OGC report:
 - There are 30 EMS cases in the office
 - 4Consent Orders
 - 0 Agreed Orders
 - 0 Contested Cases
- The Community Paramedicine Rule is in AG office and the expectation is for it to be ready for a Rule Making Hearing by the next meeting.

TENNESSEE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Elaine Eaton from TnPAP reported on the status of the clients of the TNPAP. They are currently monitoring 6 individuals (4 Paramedics and 2 EMTs). Of these, five (5) were referred from the Department of Health and one (1) from an employer. They offered to take questions from the Board; however, there were none.

The Chairperson used his prerogative to recess as so the UT Mobile Stroke Unit could be toured.

OGC CASES

CONSENT ORDERS

Respondent: David L. Wilber, Paramedic License 23703 Portland, TN

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 23703 on January 15, 1998 with an expiration date of January 31, 2017.

Respondent was employed as a paramedic with The Portland Fire Department in Portland, Tennessee at all times pertinent hereto. On or about March 7th, 2016 a grand jury charged Respondent with three (3) counts of Sexual Battery by an authority figure.

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, the Respondent agrees to the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of the Respondent's Paramedic license. A motion to accept the order as written was received from Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Mosby.

A roll call vote was held:

Board Member	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Sullivan K. Smith Chairperson	X				
Chris Brooks	X				
Jeffery Davis	X				
Kappu Deshpande					X
Larry Hutsell					X
Donald Mosby	X				
Brian Robinson					X
James Ross					X
Tim Strange	X				
Stephen Sutton					X
Robert Webb	X				
Tyler White	X				
Jeannie Yeatman	X				

Motion carried.

Respondent: Charlotte A. Gass, Paramedic License 13538 Washburn, TN

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 13538 on March 30, 1988 with an expiration date of August 31, 2016. Respondent was involved in a single vehicle motor vehicle accident in Grainger County. The Respondent failed a field sobriety test and placed under arrest. She pleaded guilty to DUI charge (Class A misdemeanor) on March 27, 2015. On June 3, 2016 Respondent underwent a TnPAP urinalysis which indicated evidence of moderate to heavy alcohol consumption.

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, the Respondent agrees to immediate **SUSPENSION** of his Paramedic license no. 13538. She agrees to another evaluation approved by TnPAP and should the results of that TnPAP approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then he may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP. On receipt of notification from TnPAP that he has signed an agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be **STAYED** and the license shall be immediately place on **PROBATION** on terms and conditions. After completion of the TnPAP program and by their recommendation his license will be put on probation for three (3) years.

A motion to accept the order as written was received from Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. White.

A roll call vote was held:

Board Member	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Sullivan K. Smith Chairperson	X				
Chris Brooks	X				
Jeffery Davis	X				
Kappu Deshpande					X
Larry Hutsell					X
Donald Mosby	X				
Brian Robinson					X
James Ross					X
Tim Strange	X				
Stephen Sutton					X
Robert Webb	X				
Tyler White	X				
Jeannie Yeatman	X				

Motion carried.

Respondent: James C. Cook, EMT-IV License 40272, Covington, TN

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as an EMT-IV in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 40272 on June 10, 2013 with an expiration date of August 31, 2017.

Respondent was employed as an EMT-IV at Emergency Mobile Health Care, LLC at all time pertinent hereto. On or about September 24th, 2015 Respondent submitted to a random drug screen, which later tested positive for marijuana. On or about February 5, 2016 Respondent was terminated from his employer for violating its drug-free workplace policy.

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, the Respondent agrees to immediate **SUSPENSION** of his EMT-IV license no. 40272. She agrees to another evaluation approved by TnPAP and should the results of that TnPAP approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then he may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP. On receipt of notification from TnPAP that he has signed an agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be **STAYED** and the license shall be immediately place on **PROBATION** on terms and conditions. After completion of the TnPAP program and by their recommendation his license will be put on probation for three (3) years.

A motion to accept the order as written was received from Mr. Webb and seconded by Mr. Strange.

A roll call vote was held:

Board Member	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Sullivan K. Smith Chairperson	X				
Chris Brooks	X				
Jeffery Davis	X				
Kappu Deshpande					X
Larry Hutsell					X
Donald Mosby	X				
Brian Robinson					X
James Ross					X
Tim Strange	X				
Stephen Sutton					X
Robert Webb	X				
Tyler White	X				
Jeannie Yeatman	X				

Motion carried.

Respondent: Joshua Johnson, EMT-IV License 39032, Kingsport, TN

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as an EMT-IV in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 39032 on May 22, 2012 with an expiration date of September 30, 2014.

Respondent was on or about September 11, 2014 convicted of thirty-four (34) counts of Sexual Exploration of a Minor, a Class D felony, in Sullivan County Criminal Court in Blountville, Tennessee.

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, the Respondent agrees to the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of the Respondent's EMT-IV.

A motion to accept the order as written was received from Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. White

A roll call vote was held:

Board Member	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Sullivan K. Smith Chairperson	X				
Chris Brooks	X				
Jeffery Davis	X				
Kappu Deshpande					X
Larry Hutsell					X
Donald Mosby	X				
Brian Robinson					X
James Ross					X
Tim Strange	X				
Stephen Sutton					X
Robert Webb	X				
Tyler White	X				
Jeannie Yeatman	X				

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Air Ambulance Committee

There is nothing to report since the last Board meeting as their meeting was cancelled.

B. Ambulance Committee

Mr. Jimmy Edwards came before the Board to request (on the committee's recommendation) that the three (3) National Ambulance Construction and Safety Standards be adopted. A motion to do was received from Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Strange. The motion carried on a voice vote.

C. COPEC

Rhonda Phillipi went over their Strategic Plan and reminded everyone about the Star of Life Celebration on May 4th, 2017.

D. Education Committee

Mr. Strange gave a report on the proceedings from the Education Committee which met on September 27th, 2016. Mr. Strange stated that the Committee did have one recommendation that there be a Rule change to have the minimum entrance requirement to enter into a Paramedic Program in Tennessee be at the EMT level. No second was received; however, after a brief discussion, a motion was received from Mr. Webb to table this and a second was received from Ms. Yeatman. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Clinical Issues Committee

A report was received from Dr. Holley as to activities of the CIC and brought forth a recommendation from the annual review of the required equipment list. It was recommended that two (2) rigid eye shields be added to the list. A motion was made by Mr. Webb and seconded by Mr. Strange to implement the recommendation. Motion carried on voice vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tidwell gave a report on:

- The current EMITS system and its possible updating.
- The personnel report
- The NASEMSO meeting
- The program to transition military medics to civilian AEMTs

- Stroke Task Force legislation
- Addressed the concern from Dr. Brooks about the shortage of AEMTs

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Tidwell presented the results of a survey of Tennessee Health Boards that require moral character letters. Elvie Rorie came forward to relay the results of a survey done by David Blevins. In this he polled 26 states and only 1 required these letters. A motion was received from Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Mosby to remove the Rule concerning the requirement for moral character letters. After some discussion, a motion was received from Mr. Davis to table the motion and Mr. Mosby seconded. This motion passed on voice vote.

Dr. Holley, Mrs. Tidwell, and Dr. Sullivan led a discussion the recent visit by NREMT in response to inquiries about the cognitive portion of a recent AEMT examination. The consensus of the group was the examination was fair and proper.

Dr. Holley gave a brief report on the CAPCE Committee (of which he is part) and on line training programs.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

A motion to adjourn was received and seconded. The motion carried by voice vote without opposition.